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NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Reports of the

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator
LEON E. HOYT

Town Clerk
HERMAN C. MILLER

Selectmen
CARL D. ABBOTT
LEON E. HOYT
CLARENCE C. JONES

Treasurer
HERMAN C. MILLER

Tax Collector
RODNEY G. MILLS

Board of Education
F. RUSSELL ABBOTT
C. GLADYS ST. JOHN
HARRY VARNUM

Auditor, State Tax Commission, Municipal Accounting Division

Supervisors
ARTHUR J. MILLER
WILLIAM BASSET, JR.
RODNEY G. MILLS

Road Agent
CLAYTON FOOTE

Overseer of Poor

ARTHUR J. MILLER

Trustees of Trust Funds

RODNEY G. MILLS
KATHLEEN F. JOHNSON
PAUL T. BRADBURY

Library Trustees

HENRY B. HILL
LILLIAN C. STEWART
PAUL T. BRADBURY

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN WARRANT

(L. S.)

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Francestown, in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Francestown, on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To see if the town will vote to have a coat of tar applied to that portion of the Turnpike Road between Nutting's Corner and the Lyndeboro line and instruct the selectmen to use the Post War Reserve Fund to pay for same, provided the Legislature does not reclassify said road.

3. To see if the Town will vote to have a complete list of all taxable property within the Town, together with the valuation and taxes assessed on same, published in the town report.

4. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to borrow on long term note the sum of $400.00 to be used for the installation of automatic heat in the George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library.

5. To see if the town will vote to request the State Tax Commission to make a complete reappraisal of the lands and buildings within the town, to equalize valuations in accordance with the law and to appropriate money for this purpose.

6. To see if the town will vote to borrow on long term notes a sufficient sum of money to install fire escapes on the Town Hall building.

7. To see if the Town will authorize the Moderator to appoint a Highway Committee of five plus the Selectmen to conduct a study of highways within the Town, including maintenance of present roads, new improvements and construction, new equipment and storage of same, expenses and salaries of Highway Agents and employees, one member of the committee to be from each section of the Town. This committee to report its recommendations to all future special and regular Town Meetings and to the public hearings of the Budget Committee each year for consideration by the Budget Committee before the annual budget is made up.

8. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Municipal Budget Law.

9. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Town Budget Committee to receive reports of all Town Departments and present their recommendations after holding public hearings.

10. The following items have been considered by the Budget Committee and are submitted to the Town Meeting for discussion, they carry neither the approval or disapproval of the Budget Committee.

1. Salary increase for Selectmen.
2. Increase of insurance coverage on public buildings.

11. To see what action the Town will take upon the budget as submitted by the Budget Committee and raise and appropriate sufficient sum of money to finance the Budget as finally accepted.

12. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors and Committees heretofore chosen and take action on same and to

transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

CARL D. ABBOTT,
LEON E. HOYT,
CLARENCE C. JONES,
Selectmen of Francestown.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CARL D. ABBOTT,
LEON E. HOYT,
CLARENCE C. JONES,
Selectmen of Francestown.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the

Compared

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1948	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1948	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1949
From State:			
Interest and dividends tax	$1,215.53	$1,248.27	$1,248.27
Savings bank tax	80.00	95.98	95.98
For fighting forest fires, state	.....	467.28	150.00
For fighting forest fires, towns	.....	163.06	.....
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Business permits	.....	7.00	6.00
Rent of town hall and other buildings	.....	44.00	90.00
Interest received on taxes and deposits	.....	59.23	60.00
Income from trust funds	.....	250.00	250.00
Income, Henry Worcester	.....	136.00	.....
Refund from Road Agent	.....	1.00	.....
Filing fees	.....	17.00	7.00
Motor vehicle permit fees	583.92	892.03	800.00
Sale of town property	.....	53.65	.....
Tax sales redeemed	.....	183.00	.....
Refund on poll tax	.....	117.00	.....
Refund on blister rust	.....	.48	.....
Bounties	.....	375.50	100.00
Cash on hand Treasurer refund	.....	89.10	.....
Dog tax	.....	140.00	140.00
Refund town officers' expense	.....	2.00	.....
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:			
Long term notes (painting White church)	.....	1,500.00	.....
Short term notes	.....	9,000.00	6,000.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll taxes—regular at $2	396.00	368.00	368.00
Total Revenues from all Sources Except Property Taxes	$2,275.45	$15,209.58	$9,315.25
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes	.....	$29,367.99	.....

OF FRANCESTOWN, N. H.

Ensuing Year January 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949

with

Previous Year January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1948	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1948	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1949
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
General expenses	.....	$217.62	$250.00
Insurance	.....	544.16	200.00
Town officers' salaries	$680.00	680.00	680.00
Town officers' expenses	.....	592.68	1,700.00
Election and registration expenses	.....	140.72	75.00
Clock	.....	13.00	13.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	.....	263.59	250.00
Town hall, special	200.00	200.00	.....
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police department	.....	80.15	75.00
Fire department	800.00	798.09	865.00
Moth extermination—blister rust	800.00	399.52	400.00
Health:			
Health department, including hospitals	.....	4.00	4.00
Vital statistics	.....	11.00	10.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Cutting bushes	.....	.....	500.00
Town maintenance: Summer	1,500.00	1,471.70	1,300.00
Town maintenance: Winter	4,500.00	4,779.26	2,500.00
Street lighting	.....	544.50	594.00
General expenses, town dump	.....	64.90	50.00
Town road aid	749.53	749.53	153.39
Repairs to White Church	200.00	150.00	.....
Libraries:	686.00	686.00	780.00
Public Welfare:			
Old age assistance	.....	909.56	1,000.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and veterans' associations	.....	12.00	20.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	100.00	100.00	338.00
Audit	100.00	.....	100.00
Auto permits	.....	124.00	130.00
Horse sheds	.....	15.90	20.00
Advertising and regional associations	70.00	70.00	78.00
Interest:			
On long term notes	.....	320.28	300.00
Forest fires	.....	1,097.27	300.00
Intebtedness:			
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Long term notes	.....	1,000.00	1,500.00
Payment to capital reserve funds	.....	1,000.00	.....
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
County taxes	.....	3,722.68	.....
School taxes	10,973.76	11,438.60	12,730.02
Total Expenditures	.....	$31,200.71	$28,815.41

INVENTORY

Lands and Buildings		$597,965.00
Growing Wood and Timber		47,275.00
Electric Plants		44,750.00
Horses	41	4,300.00
Cows	204	31,550.00
Other Neat Stock	33	5,150.00
Sheep and Goats	213	7,940.00
Fowls	4,729	5,902.00
Portable Mills	7	6,700.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.		38,850.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	6	650.00
Stock in Trade		6,420.00
Mills and Machinery		4,500.00
Total Valuation		$801,952.00
Total Valuation (Exclusive of Soldiers' Exemptions and Exemptions to Blind)		$789,247.00
Poll Taxes—198 at $2.00		396.00
Average Rate of Taxation per one hundred dollars valuation for all purposes		3.84
Amount of Property Valuation exempted to soldiers		12,705.00

Number of inventories sent out 276
Number of inventories returned 157

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

CARL D. ABBOTT,
LEON E. HOYT,
CLARENCE C. JONES,
Selectmen of Francestown.

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriations:	
Town Officers' Salaries, Town Charges	$4,800.00
Repairs on Church	200.00
Fire Department	800.00
Blister Rust—Moth Extermination	800.00
Special Town Hall Appropriation	200.00
Town Road Aid	749.53
Town Maintenance:	
Summer Highways	1,500.00
Winter Highways	4,500.00
Municipal Audit	100.00
Libraries	686.10
Cemeteries	300.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	70.00
Payments on Principal of Debt	1,000.00
County Tax	3,722.83
School Tax	11,438.60
Capital Reserve Fund—to be raised by taxation	1,000.00
Total Town and School Appropriations	$31,867.06

Less Estimated Revenues and Credits:		
Interest and Dividend Tax	$1,215.53	
Savings Bank Tax	80.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	583.92	
Total Revenues and Credits		1,879.45
		$29,987.61
Plus Overlay		715.47
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation		$30,703.08
Less: Poll Taxes at $2.00		396.00
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes		$30,307.08

Taxes to be Committed to Collector

Property Taxes	$30,307.08
Poll Taxes at $2.00	396.00
Total Taxes to be Committed	$30,703.08

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appro-priations	Spent	Balance	Over-draft
Town Charges	$4,800.00	$4,994.74		$194.74
include:				
Town Officers' Salaries				
Town Officers' Expenses				
Election and Registration				
Town Hall and Buildings				
Police Department				
Vital Statistics				
Street Lighting				
General Highway				
Old Age Assistance				
Interest				
Insurance				
Care of Town Clock				
Care of Town Dump				
Costs of Common				
Forest Fires				
Refunds				
Auto Permits				
Health				
Memorial Day				
Fire Department	800.00	795.73	$4.27	
Town Hall Special	200.00	300.00		100.00
For Toilets				

	Appro-priations	Spent	Balance	Over-draft
Town Maintenance:				
Winter Highways	4,500.00	4,779.26		279.26
Summer Highways	1,500.00	1,471.70	28.30	
Town Audit	100.00		100.00	
Lands and Buildings:				
Library	686.10	686.10		
Blister Rust Control	400.00	399.52	.48	
Monadnock Region	70.00	70.00		
Cemeteries	300.00	336.89		36.89
Unitarian Church	200.00	150.00	50.00	
Reserve Funds for Road Equip.	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Payments on Principal of Debt	1,000.00	1,000.00		
T.R.A.	749.53	749.53		
County Tax	3,722.83	3,722.83		
School Tax	11,438.60	7,000.00	4,438.60	

FINANCIAL REPORT
of Francestown in Hillsborough County for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1948

Assets

Cash:		
In hands of Treasurer	$4,648.99	
In hands of Tax Collector	36.32	
		$4,685.31
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Post War Roads	$1,800.00	
New Road Equipment	1,000.00	
		2,800.00
Amounts Due to the Town:		
Bounties		162.00
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1947	$187.02	
Levy of 1946	33.61	
Previous Years	476.12	
		696.75
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1948	$3,118.79	
Levy of 1947	22.21	
Levy of 1946	35.95	
Previous Years	57.52	
		3,234.47
Total Assets		$11,578.53
Excess of Liabilities over Assets (Net Debt)		2,765.03
Grand Total		$14,343.56

Net Debt—December 31, 1947	$4,545.03
Net Debt—December 31, 1948	2,765.03
Decrease of Debt	$1,780.00

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Town Hall kitchen	$100.00
Water Holes	88.92
White Church Repairs	50.00
Due to School Districts:	
Dog Licenses, 1947 and 1948	241.04
Balance of Appropriation	4,563.60
Capital Reserve Funds	2,800.00
Long Term Notes Outstanding:	
Bennington Road and Bridge on Greenfield Road	1,500.00
Total Liabilities	$14,343.56

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

Current Revenue:		
From Local Taxes:		
Property taxes, current year	$27,197.38	
Poll taxes, regular at $2.00	286.00	
Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted		$27,483.38
Property Taxes, previous years		2,167.61
Poll Taxes, previous years, regular at $2.00		74.00
Interest Received on Taxes		59.23
Tax Sales Redeemed		183.00
From State:		
For Class V Highway Maintenance		1,789.40
Interest and Dividend Tax		1,248.27
Refund on Overpayment of Special Poll Tax		117.00
Fighting Forest Fires		467.28
Savings Bank Tax		95.98
Bounties, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947		375.50
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses		140.24
Pistol Permits		7.00
Filing Fees		17.00
Registration of Motor Vehicles, 1948 permits		892.03
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:		
Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes During Year	$9,000.00	
Long Term Notes during Year	1,500.00	
Refunds	3.48	
Trust Funds	250.00	
Sale of Town Property:		
Tar and Junk	53.65	

Henry Worcester Acct., Class V Highways	136.00	
Forest Fires outside Towns	163.06	
Joan Bixby, Cash on Hand	89.10	
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue		11,195.29
Total Receipts from All Sources		$46,356.21
Cash on Hand January 1, 1948		3,978.55
Grand Total		$50,334.76

Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses:	
General Government:	
Town Officers' Salaries	$680.00
Town Officers' Expenses	592.68
Election and Registration Expenses	140.72
Expenses Town Hall and other Buildings	863.59
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Water Holes	7.00
Police Department	80.15
Fire Department, including forest fires	1,892.45
Moth Extermination—Blister Rust	400.00
Bounties	110.00
Insurance	544.16
Health:	
Health Department, including hospitals	4.00
Vital Statistics	11.00
Highways and Bridges:	
Gas Money	1,922.76
Town Road Aid	749.53

Town Maintenance:		
Summer	$1,471.70	
Winter	4,779.26	
		6,250.96
Street Lighting and Sprinkling		544.50
General Expenses of Highway Department		217.62
Libraries		686.10
Public Welfare:		
Old Age Assistance		909.56
Town Dump		64.90
Auto Permits		124.00
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations		12.00
Public Service Enterprises:		
Repairing and Painting White Church		1,650.00
Horse Sheds and Common		15.90
Cemeteries, including hearse hire		336.89
Unclassified:		
Town Clock		13.00
Advertising and Regional Associations		70.00
Taxes Bought by Town		190.41
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds		8.48
Interest:		
Paid on Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes	$191.52	
Paid on Long Term Notes	128.76	
		320.28
Indebtedness:		
Payments on Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes:		9,000.00
Payments on Long Term Notes		1,000.00

Payments to Capital Reserve Funds	1,800.00
Payments to Trustees, trust funds	250.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions:	
Taxes Paid to County	3,722.83
Payments to School Districts	10,500.00
Total Payments for All Purposes	$45,685.77
Cash on Hand December 31, 1948	4,648.99
Grand Total	$50,334.76

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	*Value*
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$15,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	2,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Police Department, Lands and Buildings	50.00
Equipment	50.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	2,000.00
Equipment	5,014.60
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	3,500.00
Equipment	150.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	10,000.00
Equipment	1,600.00
Forestry Fire Department	577.34
Dump	100.00
Town Garage Land	100.00
Total	$41,641.94

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

CARL D. ABBOTT,
LEON E. HOYT,
CLARENCE C. JONES,
Selectmen.

HERMAN C. MILLER,
Treasurer.

February 9, 1948

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Auto Permits:			
January	20	$83.58	
February	22	87.74	
March	122	381.70	
April	22	50.41	
May	8	13.26	
June	10	40.04	
July	8	38.45	
August	12	48.86	
September	12	79.98	
October	4	6.25	
November	8	35.66	
December	6	26.10	
	254		$892.03
Dog Licenses:			
59 Male and Spayed Dogs at $2.00	$118.00		
9 Female Dogs at $5.00	45.00		
68		$163.00	
Paid Out:			
Commission on 68 Dogs at $.20	$13.60		
Dog Tags and License Book	9.16		
		22.76	
			140.24

Pistol Permits:		
12 at $.50	$7.00	
Declaration of Candidacy	15.00	
		22.00
Total Receipts Ending December 31, 1948		$1,054.27

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN C. MILLER,
Town Clerk.

STATEMENT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Levy of 1948

Dr.

Warrant	$30,703.08
Added Taxes	8.00
Interest	2.46
	$30,713.54

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	$27,559.62
Abatements	95.12
Uncollected, December 31, 1948	$3,058.82
	$30,713.54

Levy of 1947

Dr.

Uncollected, December 31, 1947	$2,283.42
Interest	44.07
	$2,327.49

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	$2,295.27
Abatements	10.00
	$2,305.27
Uncollected, December 31, 1948	22.22
	$2,327.49

Levy of 1946

Dr.

Uncollected, December 31, 1947	$24.61
Interest	.22
	$24.83

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	$3.16
Uncollected	$21.67
	$24.83

Levy of 1945

Dr.

Uncollected, December 31, 1947	$13.31
Uncollected, December 31, 1948	$13.31

Levy of 1944

Dr.

Uncollected, December 31, 1947	$17.49
Uncollected,, December 31, 1948	$17.49

Property Sold for Taxes

Levy of 1947

Alden R. Udall	$159.06
Louise Brock	27.96
Lewis and Hattie Chappell	3.39
	$190.41

Tax Sales Redeemed

Levy of 1947

Lewis and Hattie Chappell	$3.39

Levy of 1946

Alden R. Udall	$181.38
	$184.77

Respectfully submitted,

RODNEY G. MIILS,
Tax Collector.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1948

Balance in Treasury January 1, 1948		$3,978.55
Rodney G. Mills, Tax Collector:		
1946 Poll Tax	$2.00	
1946 Property Tax	170.56	
1946 Interest	13.55	
		186.11
1947 Poll Tax	$72.00	
1947 Property Tax	2,165.75	
1947 Interest	50.77	
1947 Tax Redemption Cost	6.75	
		2,295.27
1948 Poll Tax	$286.00	
1948 Property Tax	27,197.38	
1948 Interest	2.46	
		27,485.84
Joan A. Bixby, Clerk:		
Auto Permits	$293.92	
Dog Licenses	7.20	
Declaration of Candidacy	10.00	
Pistol Permits	1.50	
		312.62
Herman C. Miller, Clerk:		
Auto Permits	$598.11	
Dog Licenses	133.04	
Declaration of Candidacy	5.00	
Pistol Permits	5.50	
		741.65

Loans:		
Souhegan Nat'l Bank	$9,000.00	
First Nat'l Bank, Peterborough	1,500.00	
		10,500.00
Rentals:		
Gladys Vadney—town hall		44.00
Trust Funds:		
Emma A. Joslin, cemetery fund	$150.00	
Sylvanus G. Wood, cemetery fund	100.00	
		250.00
State Treasurer:		
Hedgehog Bounties— 1944-47, incl.	$375.50	
Rebate on Spec. Poll Tax	117.00	
Forest Fire Bill	467.28	
Gas Money	1,789.40	
White Pine Blister Rust Control Refund	.48	
Savings Bank Tax	95.98	
Interest and Dividends Tax	1,248.27	
		4,093.91
Unclassified:		
E. L. Johnson, Declaration of Candidacy	$2.00	
Check No. 484, to Charles R. Hardy, Returned uncashed	2.00	
Town of Lyndeborough, Forest Fire Bill	18.40	
Town of Sharon, Forest Fire Bill	134.66	
Joan A. Bixby, Balance Due Treasurer's Accounts	89.10	
Victor L. White, Use of Fire Equipment	10.00	
George Myers, Sale of Junk	17.65	
Sidney Doyle, tar	36.00	

Clayton Foote, Overpayment on Order No. 664	1.00	
Henry Worcester, Addition to Gas Money Fund	136.00	
		446.81
Total Receipts		$50,334.76
Total Payments		45,685.77
Balance in Treasury December 31, 1948		$4,648.99

Respectfully sumbitted,

HERMAN C. MILLER,
Treasurer.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Property	$27,198.46
Polls	286.00
Property and Polls, previous years	2,409.23
Gas Tax	1,789.40
Tax Sales Redeemed	6.75
Forest Fires	467.28
Savings Bank Tax	95.98
Interest and Dividend	1,248.27
Bounties, 4 years	375.50
Refunds on 1946 Poll Taxes	117.00
Sale of Junk	17.65
Sale of Tar	36.00
Dog Licenses	140.24
Pistol Permits	7.00
Filing Fees	17.00
Rent of Town Hall	44.00
Interest Received	66.78
Auto Permits	892.03
Refunds	92.58
Trust Funds	250.00
Temporary Loans	9,000.00
Term Notes	1,500.00
From Lyndeborough for Forest Fires	18.40
From Sharon for Forest Fires	144.66
From Henry Worcester	136.00
Total Receipts	$46,356.21
Cash on Hand January 1, 1948	3,978.55
Grand Total	$50,334.76

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:		
Carl D. Abbott, selectman	$150.00	
Leon E. Hoyt, selectman	150.00	
Clarence C. Jones, selectman	150.00	
Herman C. Miller, town clerk	60.00	
Herman C. Miller, town treasurer	40.00	
Rodney C. Mills, tax collector	100.00	
Arthur J. Miller, overseer of poor	30.00	
		$680.00
Town Officers' Expenses:		
Clark Press, town reports	$375.00	
Brown and Saltmarsh, Supplies to Tax Collector	229.00	
Edson C. Eastman Co., Office supplies	10.30	
F. H. Colburn & Co., Town Officers' Bonds, postage and supplies	85.64	
Herman C. Miller, repairs on Adding Machine and postage	16.64	
N. H. Tax Collectors' Association Dues for 1945—46—47	6.00	
Wheeler and Clark, Selectman's stamp	1.63	
N. H. Assessors' Association, dues	2.00	
Donat Corriveau, Reg. of Deeds, Deeds and mortgages	13.88	
Wilfred Boisclair, names probated	.40	
Transcript Printing Co., advertising	1.50	
Joan A. Bixby, clerk's expenses	5.00	
R. G. Mills, printing tax bills, rent on safety deposit box	22.90	

Clarence C. Jones, postage, tel., trips to Keene, Manchester, Concord, dinners	32.00	
Carl D. Abbott, postage and telephone	2.50	
Leon E. Hoyt, meetings to Keene, Manchester and Concord	15.00	
		592.68
Election and Registration:		
Leon E. Hoyt, services as moderator, 3 meetings	$15.00	
Rodney G. Mills, superviser	24.00	
Arthur J. Miller, supervisor	22.00	
William Basset, supervisor	16.00	
C. Gladys St. John, election officer	12.00	
Gladys Vadney, election officer	12.00	
Lorenzo E. Dow, election officer	12.00	
Raymond Cilley, election officer	16.00	
Cabinet Press, printing ballots	11.72	
		140.72
Town Hall:		
Public Service Co., lights	$25.44	
Carl D. Abbott, 4 cords wood	80.00	
Francestown Electric & Water Co., Water for town hall	15.00	
Gladys Vadney, services as janitor	35.00	
William Leland, electrical work	7.40	
F. H. Colburn & Co., supplies	.75	
		163.59
Town Hall Special:		
Toilets	$700.00	
		700.00
Police Department:		
Victor L. White, police duty	$66.35	
Earl E. Cilley, police duty	4.80	
Arthur J. Miller, care of tramps	9.00	
		80.15

Forest Fires:		
Victor L. White, Forest Fire Acct.	$1,097.02	
		1,097.02
Fire Department:		
Arthur J. Miller, janitor and supplies	$189.41	
P. H. Saltmarsh, coal	150.12	
Public Service Co., lights	12.84	
C. H. Cragin & Son, supplies	39.68	
Ray's Garage, supplies	31.98	
Daniels' Garage, supplies	10.08	
F. H. Colburn & Co., supplies	48.77	
I. H. Vadney, gas	7.85	
James A. Coffin, supplies and gas masks	86.00	
W. E. Leland, wiring	7.90	
Sears, Roebuck & Co., batteries	20.50	
Keene Electric Service, supplies	25.35	
Norfolk Salvage Co., 600 ft. hose	102.00	
Ernest Broderick, plumbing	11.25	
Independent Coal Tar Co., Tarring driveway	18.00	
N. H. State Firemen's Association, Dues, 34 members	34.00	
		795.73
Blister Rust Control:		
N. H. Forestry Dept.	$400.00	
		400.00
Bounties:		
Clarence C. Jones, 155 at 50c	$77.50	
Leon E. Hoyt, 30 at 50c	15.00	
Carl D. Abbott, 35 at 50c	17.50	
		110.00
Health Department:		
Victor L. White	$.00	
Carl E. Cilley	2.00	
		4.00

Long Term Notes:		
First Nat'l Bank of Peterborough,		
Long term note	$1,000.00	
		1,000.00
County Tax:		
Hillsborough County Treasurer,		
1948 county tax	$3,722.83	
		3,722.83
School District:		
Lillian C. Stewart, treasurer, balance,		
1947 appropriation	$3,500.00	
Lillian C. Stewart, treasurer,		
1948 appropriation	7,000.00	
		10,500.00
Vital Statistics:		
Herman C. Miller, town clerk	$11.00	
		11.00
Insurance:		
Levi M. Bixby, insurance on Town Hall	$330.53	
Levi M. Bixby, insurance on Fire Station	22.25	
F. H. Colburn Co., insurance on Town Help	191.38	
		544.16
CLAYTON F. FOOTE, Road Agent	Town Maintenance:	
Summer Highways:		
Payroll	$1,471.70	
		1,471.70
CLAYTON F. FOOTE, Road Agent	Winter Highways:	
Payroll	$4,779.26	
		4,779.26
CLAYTON F. FOOTE, Road Agent	Gas Money:	
Payroll	$1,922.76	
		1,922.76

General Highway:		
Farm Bureau, insurance on Town tractor	$31.15	
State Highway Dept., bridge signs	68.00	
Carl Cilley, repairing Wright's roof	3.00	
F. H. Colburn, tools	20.68	
Central Petroleum Co., tractor oil	94.79	
		217.62
Street Lighting:		
Public Service Co. of N. H.	$544.50	
		544.50
Libraries:		
Geo. Holmes Bixby Memorial Library, 1948 appropriation	$686.10	
		686.10
Old Age Assistance:		
State of N. H.	$909.56	
		909.56
Monadnock Region Association	$70.00	
		70.00
Cemeteries:		
Arthur E. Holt, tractor mower	$172.98	
John B. Varick, attachment for mower	65.46	
		238.44
Labor on Cemeteries:		
Arthur E. Holt	$46.15	
Isiah Hargraves	24.80	
Harvey Packer	8.25	
Rodney G. Mills	17.60	
Edson C. Eastman, supplies	1.65	
		98.45
Memorial Day:		
Arthur E. Holt, flags	$12.00	
		12.00

Care of Town Clock:		
Rodney G. Mills	$13.00	
		13.00
Taxes Bought by Town:		
Rodney G. Mills	$183.66	
		183.66
Cost of Tax Sales:		
Rodney G. Mills	$6.75	
		6.75
Auto Permits:		
Herman C. Miller, clerk	$88.00	
Joan A. Bixby, clerk	36.00	
		124.00
Interest:		
Souhegan Nat'l Bank, interest on Demand notes	$191.52	
First Nat'l Bank, Peterborough, Long term notes	128.76	
		320.28
Trust Funds:		
Trustees of Trust Funds, Emma A. Joslin Cemetery Fund	$150.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds, capital reserve fund, post war roads	800.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds, Sylvania G. Wood Cemetery Fund	100.00	
Trustees of Trust Funds, for road Equipment	1,000.00	
		2,050.00
Water Hole Account:		
Arthur J. Miller, labor on Water hole	$7.00	
		7.00

Unitarian Church:		
Charles Lauder, painting and Repairing Unitarian Church	$1,650.00	
		1,650.00
Horse Sheds:		
Clayton F. Foote, cleaning horse sheds for Labor Day	$15.90	
		15.90
Town Dump:		
Arthur J. Miller, labor on Town dump	$9.80	
Harry Varnum, bulldozer, cleaning dump	44.50	
Carl E. Cilley, labor on Town dump	5.60	
Transcript Printing Co., signs for Town dump	5.00	
		64.90
Town Road Aid:		
State of N. H. Town Road Aid Appropriation	$749.53	
		749.53
Refunds:		
Joan A. Bixby, overpayment on Auto permits	$8.48	
		8.48
Temporary Loans:		
Souhegan Nat'l Bank, Temporary loan	$9,000.00	
		9,000.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Summer Highway:		
Clayton Foote, truck	$500.25	
Oliver St. John, tr.	3.00	
F. H. Coburn Co., gas	59.05	
Ray's Garage, oil	6.50	
Miss William Cole, gravel	10.50	
		$579.30
Labor:		
Clayton Foote	$132.30	
Clifton Foote	80.60	
Clayton Hobbs	25.60	
Charles Champagne	164.00	
Carl Cilley	3.20	
Oliver St. John	204.80	
Robert St. John	182.60	
Leo St. John	4.80	
Arthur Miller	3.20	
Raymond Cilley	42.40	
Harry Hill	8.80	
Robert Foote	5.60	
		1,437.20
Paid by Selectmen:		
Withholding tax		34.50
Total Summer Highway Expenses		$1,471.70
Balance Left Over		$28.30
Gas and Repairs:		
F. H. Coburn Co., gas	$44.16	
R. C. Hazelton Corp., culvert pipe	36.00	
Miss William Cole, gravel	6.80	
Carl Abbott, gravel	20.00	

New Hampshire Explosive Co.	20.90	
New England Explosive Corp.	10.75	
John Downing, repairs	6.60	
		$145.21
Labor:		
Clayton Foote	$175.40	
Nelson Dutton	12.00	
Robert St. John	284.10	
Oliver St. John	177.60	
George St. John	29.20	
Leslie Vadney	23.70	
Robert Foote	107.90	
Carl Cilley	12.80	
Charles Champagne, Jr.	174.20	
		996.90
Trucks:		
Clayton Foote	$544.65	
William Benoitti	34.10	
Elso Helstine	34.10	
George Daniels	30.80	
Richard Odell	11.20	
		654.85
Tractors:		
H. E. Worcester	$8.00	
		8.00
Shovel:		
Arthur Whitcomb	$77.00	
		77.00
Paid by Selectmen:		
Withholding tax		40.80
Total Expenses		$1,922.76
Balance Left Over		$2.64

Winter Highway:		
Labor:		
Sam Johnson	$5.00	
Norman Stuart	68.40	
Norton Brown	115.80	
Oren Harwood	4.00	
Franklin F. Hadley	3.00	
Clayton Foote	565.10	
Clifton Foote	162.20	
Harry Varnum	174.00	
William Bassett	111.00	
Robert Foote	1.60	
Charles Champagne	233.40	
Clayton Hobbs	250.00	
Harry Hill	9.60	
Robert St. John	60.20	
Oliver St. John	64.00	
Raymond Cilley	4.80	
Nelson Dutton	20.50	
		$1,852.60
Trucks and Tractors:		
Clayton Foote, truck	$465.75	
Leon Daniels, truck	28.00	
Noble Pearson, tractor	234.00	
Henrey Worcester, tractor	285.25	
Hobb and Knob,. tractor	75.25	
		1,088.25
Gas, Oil, and Repairs:		
Clark & Wilcox Co.	$27.20	
Lester Houghton	7.95	
Joe Thompson	81.50	
John Downing	1.50	
Ray Road Equipment	103.45	
F. H. Coburn	62.93	
I. H. Vadney	59.06	

C. F. Clark	72.61	
Daniels' Garage	350.41	
Kinne Elec. Co.	37.00	
		803.61
Miscellaneous:		
T. E. Bixby, wood	$40.00	
Leland Vadney, trip to N. B.	2.00	
So. Western Trans. Co., express	8.84	
Clayton Foote, trip to Vermont	10.00	
Clifton Foote, trip to Boston	5.00	
Clifton Foote, trip to Manchester	3.00	
		68.84
Paid by Selectmen:		
Clark & Wilcox Co.	$838.96	
Carl D. Abbott, wood	40.00	
Hobb and Knob Farm, tractor	24.50	
Withholding tax	22.10	
		925.56
Total Winter Highway Expenses		$4,738.86

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
State Tax Commission
Concord, N. H.

February 7, 1949

Board of Selectmen,
Francestown, New Hampshire.

GENTLEMEN:

Submitted herewith is the report of the annual audit and examination of the accounts of the Town of Francestown which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the town. This audit covered the period from July 31, 1947, date of the previous audit, to December 31, 1948. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report which is submitted herewith.

Scope of Audit

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Trustees of Trust Funds and Library Treasurer.

Financial Statements

Comparative Balance Sheets
December 31, 1947—December 31, 1948

(Exhibit B-1)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1947 and December 31, 1948, are presented in Exhibit B-1. As in-indicated therein the Net Debt decreased by $716.47 during the year.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition

(Exhibit B-2)

An analysis of the change in financial condition of the town made during the year is made in Exhibit B-2, with the factors which caused the decrease in Net Debt indicated therein.

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures—Estimated and Actual Revenue

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1947 (Exhibits A-1 and A-2).

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1947 (Exhibits B-3 and B-4).

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1947 and December 31, 1948, are presented in Exhibits A-1, A-2 and B-3, B-4, respectively.

In the year 1947, a net overdraft of appropriations of $800.30, less a net revenue surplus of $600.28, resulted in a net budget deficit of $200.02. (Exhibit A-2).

A net unexpended balance of appropriations of $768.32, plus a net revenue surplus of $448.06, resulted in a net budget surplus of $1.216.38, in the year ended December 31, 1948.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures

(Exhibit C-1)

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1948, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit C-1. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31. 1948, is indicated in Exhibit C-2.

Audit Procedure

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds

were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source insofar as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Book balances were verified by comparison with reconciled bank balances made from statements obtained from depository banks. Verification of uncollected taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the collector's records.

General Comments

Tax Collector:

In the report of our last audit, dated September 25, 1947, it was recommended that tax deeds should be given by the Collector to the town on property in cases where the two year redemption period had expired. Exhibit D-6 (Summary of Tax Sale Account) indicates that as of December 31, 1948, there were unredeemed taxes from sales on account of levies prior to 1946, as follows:

Levy of 1943 —	$153.91
Levy of 1942 —	66.35
Levy of 1941 —	115.67
Levies Prior to 1941 —	140.19

Each item included in the unredeemed lists, as above stated, should be carefully gone over by the Tax Collector and Board of Selectmen and tax deeds made out to the town by the Collector in all instances unless there is some particular reason why a deed cannot be taken, in which case the unredeemed tax should be abated.

It is also noted that there were uncollected taxes, as of December 31, 1948, on account of levies prior to 1947, as follows:

Levy of 1946 —	$35.95
Levy of 1945 —	40.03
Levy of 1944 —	17.49

The Tax Collector and Board of Selectmen should likewise go over these lists and if there are any accounts therein which are uncollectible such taxes should be abated.

The Collector should make remittances to the Treasurer on the basis of total collections and redemptions as indicated in his cash book on the date of each remittance. Redemptions from tax sales should be reported separately from tax collections and forms for this purpose have been furnished the Collector.

Conclusion:

With exceptions as herein noted, the accounts and records of all town officials which were examined were found in good condition and the accounting procedure conformed to the uniform system prescribed by this Division.

The provisions of Section 31, Chapter 211, of the Laws of 1939, require that this report or a summary of its essential features shall be published in the next annual town report.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Francestown for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER,
Director.
Division of Municipal Accounting,
State Tax Commission.

HERBERT E. HUNT, *Auditor*
KENNETH L. COWAN, *Accountant*

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

State Tax Commission

Concord, N. H.

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have audited the accounts and records of the Town of Francestown for the period from July 31, 1947 to December 31, 1947, and the fiscal year ended December 31, 1948; and, subject to exceptions as noted in the report, found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the town, together with the results of operations for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1947 and December 31, 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER,
Director.
Division of Municipal Accounting,
State Tax Commission.

HERERT E. HUNT, *Auditor*
KENNETH L. COWAN, *Accountant*
February 7, 1949.

BUDGET OF GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

	1948	1949
Librarian's salary	$236.60	$240.00
Janitor	57.50	60.00
Cleaning	50.00	50.00
Books	100.00	175.00
Periodicals	50.00	60.00
Fuel	82.00	85.00
Supplies	10.00	10.00
Repairs	50.00	50.00
New equipment	50.00	50.00
	$686.10	$780.00
New heating system		400.00
		$1,180.00

HENRY B. HILL,
LILLIAN C. STEWART,
PAUL T. BRADBURY,
Trustees.

GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Cash Receipts for 1948

Cash on hand January 1, 1948	$142.20
A. B. Hill Fund, October 20, 1947	18.75
A. B. Hill Fund, 1948	37.50
Manning-Clark Fund	23.06
Town of Francestown, 1948-49 appropriation	686.10
Bridge party	101.00
Francestown Improvement Society	61.35
	$1,069.96
Less payments	782.25
Balance December 31, 1948	$287.71

Cash Payments for 1948

Librarian's salary, C. M. Lord	$218.50
Cleaning:	
Doris C. Basset	20.50
Myra Champagne	3.19
Janitor, Charles Lord	15.50
Fuel, William A. Lord	78.00
Repairs:	
T. E. Bixby, gutter	25.46
Geo. Foote, lock	4.50
New equipment, W. W. Adrian, wiring and lights	51.50
Postage, L. C. Stewart	1.00
Bank charges	3.65
Magazines	49.50
Books	310.95
Total payments	$782.25

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948

Fine money:		
Received from fines	$42.78	
Received from sale of old books and junk	3.95	
Total receipts		$46.73
Paid for:		
Cards and pockets	$8.80	
Desk supplies	1.60	
Postage	1.85	
Books	34.21	
Total expenditures		46.46
Balance on hand December 31, 1948		$ .27
Books circulated during the year:		
Fiction	1,900	
Non-fiction	705	
Juvenile	1,587	
Total books		4,192
Magazines		1,448
Total circulation		5,640

Magazines subscribed to by the Library:

American Home, Better Homes and Gardens, Children's Activities, Cosmopolitan, Good Housekeeping, Ladies' Home Journal, Open Road for Boys, American Girl, Readers' Digest, Popular Science, Saturday Evening Post, Life, Time, National Geographic, Yankee, Antiques, Story Parade.

Gift subscriptions:

Our Dumb Animals—Mrs. Packer
Jack and Jill—Miss Rand
Common Ground—Miss Rand
Troubadour—State Development Commission
Health—State Department of Health
"More Books"—Boston Public Library

Many books and magazines were given by the following persons:

Mrs. Emma Place, Stephanie Creighton, Dr. Sherman, Patty Place, Mr. Clarence Farrar, Prof. E. B. Hill, Miss Virginia Davis, Mrs. Mabel Brooks, Miss Winifred Rand, Mr. I. S. Kilbrick, Marion Higgins, Mrs. Langmaid, Mrs. Steffian, Miss Ruth Shattuck, Ted Park, Mrs. Park, Mrs. Hawkins, Mr. Joy, Mrs. Herrick, Miss Blanchette, Miss Eunice Patch, Mr. Freese, Estella Vadney, Mrs. Hickey, Mrs. C. A. Lord, Mrs. Bowers, Miss Hall, Norman Stewart, Mr. Gray, Mr. Kunhardt, Dick Eglestrom, Mrs. Williams, W. A. Lord, Lester Foote, Mrs. Sara Packer, Mr. Nutting.

During the year there have been many improvements. Lights were installed in the closets now used for exhibits; the shelves and window sills were painted by Mr. Bradbury. An outside light was installed beside the main door, and for this free services were given by Messrs. Ramsdell, Midgely and Victor White. Special shelves for young children's books were prepared by Messrs. William and Arthur Lord and Thomas Place.

The Children's Room is the result of free services on the part of the trustees and friends of the Library who spent many days and nights moving and rearranging books. Miss Natalie Hopkins gave to the room an Indian mural made by one of her classes. Mrs. Brous gave a bulletin board and repainted the old ones. She also held a series of music hours at the Library in the spring, providing recordings of interest to the children.

During the summer the librarian and Mrs. Brous conducted the children on regular Wednesday morning nature

trips; some collections were made, a plaster cast was made of a deer track, and a butterfly was raised from the larva stage; cocoons were collected for next year. Violet Cilley attended all the meetings and brought to each meeting from two to four flowers she had found, to be identified. For her perfect attendance and exceptional interest she was given a nature booklet.

A member of the Macdowell Colony made use of our Library for his summer project, and Natalie Hopkins worked on a special children's literature project in our Children's Room for her course at Plymouth Teacher's College where she is now teaching.

A Doll Exhibit was held in August, with prizes and a talk, in charge of Miss McKinley, Mrs. Bowman and Mrs. Brous.

On August 12, Mr. and Mrs. Bradbury presided at the Library, reporting over a hundred visitors for Open House Day.

Art Week produced, as usual, local work of great interest by Mr. Bourne, Miss Hirst, Mrs. Kunhardt, Mrs. Herrick. The children were inspired and volunteered some paintings (Judy Mace and Nancy Bowman); candlesticks of Scobie clay were brought by Mary Pettee. Mounted prints of famous works of art were provided for the Children's Room and these are borrowed as books are.

Gates Freese is lending a model of the Town Hall which he made last year in his Fine Arts class at Harvard.

Beautiful Japanese articles were on display for several months, lent by Mrs. Black whose husband was stationed in Japan.

An exhibit relating to the Clipper Ship Era brought out an old painting of the *Mary Whitridge,* two of whose captains were ancestors of families now living here. Mrs. Dana Hill lent an elaborate old model of a clipper ship, and a wooden one which she made.

In connection with the Improvement Society, the Library and the Town History Committee, Mrs. Frances Hopkins

has been studying and recording the collections in the Historical Rooms.

We still have, for all to see, a real chestnut burr, found in this town this year and lent by Victor White.

As a member of the executive committee the librarian has been attending monthly meetings in Concord and gave a talk on new children's books in Merrimack.

Mr. Thomas and Superintendent Paire have arranged for the school children to come in a well organized group so that special exhibits and talks can now be provided for them. New books have been the basis for them. A most interesting exhibit of gems and Indian Pottery was brought and explained by Mr. Bourne. Herbs and pomegranates have been served; the latter provided seeds from which some of the children have plants.

From the State Library we have borrowed 154 books during the year. Twenty dollars has been given for the fourth time for special reference books. From the Improvement Society the Library received the proceeds of the sale of the doll given by Prof. E. B. Hill and 34 books were purchased. With the money from the card party held in July by Mrs. Marion Bradbury, Mrs. Joan Bixby, Mrs. Doris Basset and Mrs. Lois McAdams we bought 58 books.

To the trustees and all who have helped in any way to make the year so interesting I am most grateful and hope no one has been overlooked where appreciation is due, for there is more to be done!

Submitted by,

CAROLINE M. LORD,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE TOWN HISTORY COMMITTEE

January 1, 1949

Report of the Treasurer:		
Original appropriation		$300.00
Expenditures:		
Stationery	$16.50	
Printing checkbook	2.25	
Stamps and cards	3.95	
	$22.70	
Cash on hand January 1, 1949	277.30	
		$300.00

PAUL T. BRADBURY,
Treasurer.

To date we have received replies to 39 questionnaires and 2 reports from organizations. There have been several gifts of original and reproduced material; more would be welcome.

The Committee feels that valuable service could be rendered to the town by having a regular town historian, elected or appointed, who would continuously collect current material. As it is, it may take many years to prepare a new town history. Interesting material is drifting in, even from distant states, and we are making what progress we can.

Submitted by,

CAROLINE M. LORD,
Chairman.

FRANCESTOWN IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

The Society made several important contributions to the Town in 1948. Financially, the largest was assuming $400. expense toward relocating the turnpike between the Town Hall and the church, under the plan of the State Highway Commission. The Society has also committed itself to part of the expense of fire protection in the northerly part of the village. The Historical Society rooms in the Library were entirely rearranged to make the exhibits visible and effective.

The Labor Day Carnival was high-lighted by the speech of Honorable Sherman Adams, on "Women's Importance in Francestown History." This followed an excellent parade with many artistic and humorous floats. There were an unusual number of individual entries and many saddle horses. The town organizations all took part—Grange, Guild, Eastern Star, and others. It was truly a community enterprise.

The booths in the horse sheds did a thriving business, with several new games introduced. The Peterborough Band led the parade and gave a concert afterward. There was a children's entertainment before the firemen served supper. The dance in the evening, with Ralph Page's band, filled the hall.

This carnival was a financial success, with net receipts of $475.00. Together with other funds on hand, this made possible the highway contribution, fire protection commitment, rearrangement of Historical rooms, gifts to Red Cross and Community Christmas, and care of the village common.

Our meetings overflowed the Library and were held in the church. We hope the interest will increase, as the Society is operated solely for the good of the Town and its residents. Everyone is welcome to join and attend the meetings.

CARL G. FREESE, *President,*
WILLIAM C. MacADAM, *Vice President.*
ROBERT C. CUTTER, *Treasurer,*
WINIFRED RAND, *Secretary.*

January, 1949.

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

REPORT

OF THE

TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds, Town of Francestown, N. H., Year Ending December 31, 1948

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND AND PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income at beginning of year	Income during year	Expended during year	Balance of Income at end of year
1852	Levi Woodbury Educational Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	$1,000.00	2½%	$20.37	$25.40	$20.37	$25.40
1856	Jennie Bradford Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	351.70	2½%	114.20	11.57	30.00	95.77
1909	Ebenezer Pettee Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	25.77	3.13	5.00	23.90
1913	Richard Stanley Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	20.22	2.99	5.00	18.21
1915	William Boyd Cmetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	2½%	45.54	4.84	10.00	40.38
1916	Issacher Dodge Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	50 00	2½%	6.04	1.39	2.00	5.43
1916	Ephraim and Charles Morgan Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	15.47	2.87	3.00	15.34
1916	Mary C. Abbott Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	75.00	2½%	9.10	2.09	3.00	8.19
1916	Mary A. Bixby Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	13.38	2.82	3.00	13.20
1917	Nancy M. Danforth Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	12.77	2.81	3.00	12.58
1917	Maria H. Balch Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	2½%	37.24	5.92	6.00	37.16
1918	Almeda Felch Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	16.66	2.91	3.00	16.57
1918	Daniel Ordway Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	2½%	6.32	1.41	1.00	6.73
1920	Jessie F. Osborne Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	15.07	2.88	2.00	15.95
1921	Henry H. Lynch Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	11.61	2.79	2.00	12.40
1922	Mary D. Roper Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	300.00	2½%	43.00	8.60	6.00	45.60
1922	L. Ann Weston Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2½%	6.49	1.41	1.00	6.90
1922	Eva M. Farmer Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	12.42	2.80	3.00	12.22
1923	Daniel W. Duncklee Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	75.00	2½%	8.72	2.07	6.00	4.79
1924	Unknown Dead Memorial Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50 00	2½%	3.09	1.32	1.00	3.41
1925	Moses Jellison Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	12.27	2.80	2.00	13.07
1925	Mark Dean Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2½%	4.81	1.36	1.00	5.17
1925	Reuben Sawyer and Garvin Sleeper Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	12.24	2.79	3.00	12.03
1927	George F. Holt Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	200 00	2½%	36.53	5.91	4.00	38.44
1927	Clara Dean Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	13.38	2.82	3.00	13.20
1928	Vilana A. Clark Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	16.02	2.90	2.00	16.92
1928	Moses B. Fisher Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	12.74	2.82	2.00	13.56
1929	Ordway and Snell Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	12.17	2.80	3.00	11.97
1929	Amos P. Fairbanks Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	13.79	2.84	2.00	14.63

1929	Mary J. Boynton Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	13.52	2.83	2.00	14.35
1929	Benjamin Dean Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2½%	6.22	1.40	1.00	6.62
1930	Georgiana Felch Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	11.64	2.79	2.00	12.43
1931	Jennie G. Dodge Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	2½%	22.31	4.31	3.00	23.62
1931	Walter N. Maxfield Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	11.80	2.79	2.00	12.59
1932	John A. Burnham Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	2½%	23.06	4.32	4.00	23.38
1933	Sarah A. Hill Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	2½%	5.31	1.38	1.00	5.69
1934	Addie L. Morse Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	900.00	2½%	178.31	26.99	20.00	185.30
1934	Frank Crosby Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	2½%	17.66	4.19	2.00	19.85
1935	Willard Carter Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	17.42	2.92	3.00	17.34
1935	John L. Epps Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	13.07	2.82	3.00	12.89
1935	Willard Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	18.39	2.94	4.00	17.33
1935	George E. Downes Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	13.88	2.83	3.00	13.71
1936	Frank Robinson Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	10.83	2.77	2.00	11.60
1936	Arthur G. Clark CVemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	11.98	2.78	3.00	11.76
1936	Joseph Fitts Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	2½%	35.85	5.88	5.00	36.73
1937	Samuel and Ephraim Fuller Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	9.16	2.72	3.00	8.88
1939	Fred Henderson Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	14.02	2.85	3.00	13.87
1939	George F. Lowe Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	18.85	2.96	3.00	18.81
1940	Sadie B. Balch Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	82.58	2½%	10.77	2.33	2.00	11.10
1941	Charles H. Nichols Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	11.18	2.78	2.00	11.96
1943	Edwin A. Terren Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50 00	2½%	2.49	1.31	1.00	2.80
1943	Milton G. Starrett Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	·500.00	2½%	46.99	13.68	10 00	50.67
1944	William Red Sawyer Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	2½%	16.87	4.09	15.00	5.96
1944	Lydia Burton Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	5.82	2.64	1.00	7.46
1944	Wilfred Brown Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2½%	10.62	5.28	2.00	13.90
1944	Joseph H. Chandler Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	4.38	2.61	1.00	5.99
1944	Amasa Downes Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	3.90	2.59	2.00	4.49
1945	Eva Smith Chandler Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	4.00	2.61	1.00	5.61
1946	Frank W. Jones Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	2.99	2.57	1.00	4.56
1946	Capital Reserve Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	1,800.00	2½%	27.29	37.51	.....	64.80
1947	Burt W. Smith Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	2.51	2.51	1.00	2.14
1948	Emma A. Joslin Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	2½%	.....	2.51	.....	2.51
1948	Sylvanus G. Wood Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½%	.....	1.25	.....	1.25
	George Holmes Bixby Library Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,025.00	2½%	.....	23.06	23.06	.....
	George Holmes Bixby Library Fund	Bonds	1,500.00	2½%	.....	37.50	37.50	.....
	TOTAL	TOTAL	$13,309.28		$1,178.64	$348.36	$305.93	$1,221.07

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

RODNEY G. MILLS,
KATHLEEN F. JOHNSON,
PAUL T. BRADBURY,
Trustees.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

		Term Expires
Moderator,	Rev. Vernon Lee Phillips	March, 1949
Clerk,	Mrs. Lillian Stewart	March, 1949
Treasurer,	Mrs. Lillian Stewart	June, 1949
Truant Officer,	Mrs. C. Gladys St. John	March, 1949
Auditor,	Mrs. Eleanor G. Cutter	March, 1949

School Board

Mr. F. Russell Abbott, Chairman and Secretary	March, 1949
Mrs. C. Gladys St. John	March, 1950
Mr. Harold Varnum	March, 1951

Superintendent

Mr. Newell J. Paire, Wilton, N. H.

Teaching Staff for 1948-1949

Grammar: Mr. Alfred Thomas
Primary: Miss Lilla Tuttle
Music: Mr. Herman Hill

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1948-49:

January 3 to March 18	11 weeks
April 4 to June 17	11 weeks

March vacation dates subject to change.
Holiday: May 30

1949-50:

School opens September 7	—	Closes	November 22	12 weeks
School opens November 28	—	Closes	December 21	4 weeks
School opens January 3	—	Closes	February 17	7 weeks
School opens February 27	—	Closes	April 21	8 weeks
School opens May 1	—	Closes	June 16	7 weeks

Holidays: November 11 and May 30
March vacation dates subject to change

SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Francestown qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 5th day of March 1949, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to develop the playground area.

10. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a deficiency sum of $350.00 to defray expenses incurred over and above the estimated budget of 1947-48.

11. To see if the district will vote to authorize the school board to purchase a school bus for the transportation of pupils, through the facilities of the State Purchasing Agent.

12. If the preceding article is adopted to see if the district will raise and appropriate the sum of $350.00 for the partial payment of said school bus and authorize the school board to issue serial notes for an amount not to exceed $2,800.00 in the name of and on the credit of the district; said notes to be issued pursuant to chapter 72 of the Revised Laws; and to authorize the school board to determine the time and place of payment of the principal and interest, the rate of interest and all other matters in connection with the financing of this project.

Given under our hands at said Francestown this 12th day of February, 1949.

F. RUSSELL ABBOTT,
C. GLADYS ST. JOHN,
HAROLD A. VARNUM,
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

F. RUSSELL ABBOTT,
C. GLADYS ST. JOHN,
HAROLD A. VARNUM,
School Board

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE FRANCESTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1947, and Ending June 30, 1948

SUMMARY

Salaries of district officers	$116.00	
Superintendent's excess salary	160.43	
Truant officer and census	10.00	
Expenses of administration	283.14	
Teachers' salaries	4,150.00	
Textbooks	323.63	
Scholars' supplies	186.34	
Other expenses of instruction	72.22	
Janitor's salary	255.00	
Fuel	387.33	
Water, light, janitor's supplies	159.02	
Minor repairs	190.30	
Health supervision	172.90	
Transportation of pupils	2,171.80	
Tuition—Elementary and secondary	1,212.44	
Other special activities	96.90	
Insurance	84.00	
Teacher retirement	158.00	
New equipment	35.84	
Payments of principal of debt	500.00	
Payments of interest on debt	143.75	
Payment of bills from previous year	49.20	
		$10,953.86
Cash on hand July 1, 1948		19.90
		$10,973.76

State Aid	$702.81	
Selectmen from local taxation	9,520.75	
Special appropriation	100.00	
Advanced from 1948-49 appropriation	350.00	
Elementary tuition	108.00	
Other sources	134.76	
		$10,916.32
Cash on hand at beginning of year July 1, 1947		57.44
		$10,973.76

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Administration:		
Doris C. Basset	$40.00	
Salary as School Board Member		
F. Russell Abbott	25.00	
Salary as School Board Member		
C. Gladys St. John	25.00	
Salary as School Board Member		
Lillian C. Stewart	6.00	
Salary as Clerk		
Lillian C. Stewart	20.00	
Salary as Treasurer		
		$116.00
Superintendent's Excess Salary:		
William Koegal	$160.43	
Treasurer of Supervisory Union No. 63		
Truant Officer and School census	10.00	
Expenses of Administration Supervisory Union No. 63	266.18	
G. A. Reynolds	5.00	
Bond for School Treasurer		
Lillian C. Stewart	6.96	
Postage		
Transcript Printing Co.	5.00	
		453.57
Instruction:		
Principal's and Teachers' Salaries		
Theodore Blanchard	$2,100.00	
Lilliam M. Tuttle	1,521.10	
Collector of Internal Revenue	256.10	
Teachers' Retirement	72.00	
		3,949.20

Textbooks:		
Macmillan Co.	$30.46	
Arlo Publishing Co	2.00	
Ginn & Co.	19.59	
L. W. Singer Co.	29.05	
Row, Peterson & Co.	4.62	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	80.82	
F. E. Compton & Co.	86.05	
Webster Publishing Co.	10.54	
Silver Burdett Co.	12.80	
Misses Scully School	2.00	
Noble and Noble, Publishers	30.91	
Beckley-Cardy Company	14.79	
		323.63
Scholars' Supplies:		
J. L. Hammett	$8.64	
Edward E. Babb Company	61.99	
Gledhill Bros. Inc.	21.78	
Iroquois Publishing Co.	5.93	
Laidlaw Brothers	15.95	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	17.10	
American Education Press, Inc.	15.40	
A. N. Palmer Co.	2.65	
Ginn and Co.	14.48	
Junior Scholastic	9.00	
L. W. Singer Co.	7.46	
Estate of James P. Melzer	4.50	
William Koegal	1.46	
		186.34
Other Expenses of Instruction:		
Eleanor G. Cutter	$12.50	
Doris C. Basset	6.00	
Grolier Society Inc.	5.99	
Carl Fischer, Inc.	37.50	
Scott, Foresman Co.	2.83	
Wilton School District	1.20	

William Koegel	1.21	
Noble and Noble, Publishers	1.24	
Frank Dunn	2.30	
J. L. Hammett Co.	.96	
L. W. Singer Co.	.49	
		72.22
Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:		
Janitor Service, Theodore Blanchard	$255.00	
		255.00
Fuel:		
Draper Fuel Co.	$387.33	
		387.33
Water, Light and Janitor Supplies:		
Public Service Co. of N. H.	$28.16	
Francestown Electric & Water Co.	40.00	
F. H. Colburn & Co.	25.04	
I. H. Vadney	1.79	
Wilton School District	15.50	
J. L. Hammett Co.	1.85	
Ernest T. Broderick	4.50	
D. F. Munroe Co.	10.50	
Frank Dunn	1.25	
Packard, Inc.	5.65	
West Disinfecting Co.	24.28	
Walter Creighton	.50	
		159.02
Minor Repairs and Expenses:		
Yvonné Creighton	$59.00	
Walter Creighton	56.00	
Norton Brown	2.00	
Ernest T. Broderick	69.50	
Frank Dunn	3.80	
		190.30

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:		
Medical Inspection, Ola Myhaver	$167.40	
Clukay Pharmacy	5.50	
		172.90
Transportation of Pupils:		
Arthur Lord	1,141.80	
Frank Jones	860.00	
Franklin Hadley	170.00	
		2,171.80
High School Tuition:		
New Boston School District	$919.68	
Peterborough School District	292.76	
		1,212.44
Other Special Activities:		
Philip Morris	$27.05	
Edward E. Babb Co.	8.57	
		35.62
Fixed Charges:		
Insurance, Levi M. Bixby, Agent	$84.00	
		84.00
Per Capita Tax:		
F. G. Kimball, Treasurer	$88.00	
		88.00
Teachers' Retirement		
Teachers' Retirement Board	$70.00	
		70.00
Outlay for Construction and Equipment:		
New Equipment:		
Cambosco Scientific Co.	$29.75	
Edward E. Babb Co	2.59	
J. L. Hammett Co.	3.50	
		35.84

Debt Service:		
Payment on Principal of Debt Souhegan National Bank	$500.00	
Payment of Interest	143.75	
		643.75
Special Appropriations:		
Music:		
Herman Hill	$240.00	
Teachers Retirement	10.00	
		250.00
Playground:		
Hume Pipe of N. E. Inc.	$96.90	
		96.90
Total Expenditures		$10,953.86

Respectfully submitted,

F. RUSSELL ABBOTT,
C. GLADYS ST. JOHN,
HAROLD A. VARNUM,
School Board

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948 and find them correct.

ELEANOR G. CUTTER,
Auditor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1948

Cash on Hand June 30, 1947		$57.44
Received from Selectmen, appropriations for current year	$9,620.75	
1948-1949 Appropriation	350.00	
Dog Tax		
Received from State Treasurer	702.81	
Received from all other sources	242.76	
		10,916.32
Total amount available for fiscal year		$10,973.76
Less School Board orders paid		10,953.86
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1948		$19.90

LILLIAN STEWART,
District Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the School District of Francestown, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948 and find them correct in all respects.

ELEANOR G. CUTTER,
Auditor.

July 13, 1948.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1949-1950

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1949.

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

Support of Schools:	
Teachers' salaries	$5,250.00
Textbooks	175.00
Scholars' supplies	225.00
Flags and appurtenances	10.00
Other expenses of instruction	125.00
Janitor service	450.00
Fuel	375.00
Water, light, janitor's supplies	200.00
Health supervision	190.00
Transportation of pupils	2,500.00
Other special activities	100.00
Other Statutory Requirements:	
Salaries of district officers	140.60
Truant officer and census	12.00
Payment of tuition in H. S. and Academies	2,210.00
Superintendent's salary (local share)	294.50
Per capita tax	130.00
Payment on district debt	500.00
Payment of interest on debt	119.00
Expenses of administration	200.00
New equipment	156.00
Alterations	

Other Obligations:		
Insurance	168.00	
Retirement	115.00	
Total amount required to meet School Board's budget		$13,895.10
Estimated Income of District:		
State aid	$700.00	
Dog tax	100.00	
Elementary tuition	150.00	
		950.00
Total amount required to meet School Board's budget		$12,945.10
Special Appropriations:		
Playground development	$500.00	
Deficiency appropriation	350.00	
		850.00
Total amount required to meet School Board's budget and Special Appropriations		$13,795.10

F. RUSSELL ABBOTT,
C. GLADYS ST. JOHN,
HAROLD VARNUM,
School Board.

SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1949-50

As Submitted by the Budget Commitee

	Expended 1947-48	Budget 1948-49	Est. Bud. 1949-50
A. Support of Schools:			
1 Teacher's salaries	$4,150.00	$4,575.00	$5,060.00
2 Text books	323.63	175.00	175.00
3 Scholars' supplies	106.34	175.00	225.00
4 Flags and other expenses of instruction	72.22	135.00	135.00
6 Janitor's service	255.00	285.00	300.00
7 Fuel	387.33	325.00	375.00
8 Water, light, janitor's supplies	159.02	125.00	200.00
9 Minor repairs and expenses	190.30	90.00	250.00
10 Health supervision	172.90	190.00	190.00
11 Transportation of pupils	2,171.80	2,268.00	2,500.00
12 Other special activities, etc.	132.52	35.00	100.00
B. Other Statutory Requirements:			
1 Salaries of district officers	116.00	135.60	140.60
2 Truant officer and census	.....	12.00	12.00
3 Tuition to high schools	1,212.44	1,764.00	2,210.00
4 Superintendent's excess salary	160.43	202.00	294.50
5 Per capita tax	110.00	110.00	130.00
6 Payment of district debt	500.00	500.00	500.00
7 Payment of interest on debt	143.75	132.00	119.00
7a Expense of administration	183.14	180.00	200.00
7b New equipment	35.84	120.00	156.00
7c Alterations	49.20	375.00	.....
8 Other obligations	.....	.....	.....
8a Insurance	84.00	400.00	168.00
8b Retirement	158.00	109.00	115.00
Total Amount Required for Budget	$10,953.86	$12,417.00	$13,555.10
C. Estimated Income			
Balance June 30, 1947-48	$57.44	$19.90	.....
State aid (December 1947 allotment)	702.81	729.00	700.00
Dog tax estimate	.....	100.00	100.00
Elementary school tuitin	108.00	150.00	150.00
Other income	134.76	.....	.....
D. Special Appropriation	$1,003.01	$979.00	$950.00
1 Playgrounds	100.00	.....	.....
2 Advance on 1948-49 appropriation	350.00	.....	.....
3 Deficiency to cancel advance	.....	.....	124.92
E. Received from local taxation	$9,520.75	.....	.....
F. Total Required for Budget	$10,973.76	$11,438.60	$12,730.02

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Board and Citizens of Francestown:

I respectfully submit my second annual report as your Superintendent of Schools.

Better Education

Better education is the basic need of a free democratic society. We shall remain a free and strong nation only if we have enough free and competent people. The perpetuation of the American way of life requires citizens who understand and love it and are willing to live fervently in accord with it.

Better education cannot be obtained through the efforts of a single agency or group of people. It demands the full cooperation of an informed, educated citizenry; the support of courageous, enlightened school committees; teachers who have a broad cultural background and who understand the needs of the community, and administrative officers who are willing to interpret the needs and power of education and to bring about a working relationship between the people and their schools.

An informed citizenry is one who is aware of pending legislation, both state and national, that will affect education. An informed citizenry will know the policies of the schools and will take an active part and share in the building of wholesome school and community relationships.

A courageous school committee is one that stands firm for the welfare of the children; insists on securing a good professional staff; insists upon adequate and modern tools of learning and promotes sound and educationally defensible school budgeting which will give unqualified opportunities to children.

The good teacher is a growing teacher, and one who can adequately interest and present the methods and procedures used in effectively teaching the children under his or her influence. The effective teacher is one who establishes and maintains good esprit de corps among the pupils and parents.

Effective administrative officers should accept the responsibility for providing the best personnel possible and to provide materials and supervise a balanced educational program that will help boys and girls develop wholesome personalities and the ability to effectively participate in the democratic way of life.

Thus, all must work side by side to establish schools equal to the challenge of our times. As this is done we shall not only have better schools and better communities, but in the process we shall become better people.

Teacher Improvement

A. Extension and Summer Courses.

During the past two years the teachers have been encouraged to improve themselves professionally. To assist in this professional improvement an extension course was held during the late fall and winter of last year. This course was organized through the cooperation of Keene Teachers College and held at Wilton. The area studied was Social Studies in the Elementary Field. The teachers attended this class once a week for fifteen weeks. The purpose of the course was to re-evaluate the offerings in the area of social studies in the elementary school and to develop units of work that would be applicable to their own teaching situations.

Much excellent work was accomplished and the social studies program throughout the Union has taken on new zest and interest.

Many of the teachers who did not attend this course have taken summer school work. It is interesting to note

that 76% of the teachers in Supervisory Union No. 63 have either attended summer school or taken extension courses in the past year and a half.

The instruction we are receiving reflects the interest of the teachers in self-improvement.

B. Art Workshop.

In October, all of the teachers in Supervisory Union No. 63 met in Wilton to engage in a three day art workshop. This workshop was organized through the cooperation of the State Department of Education, who in 1947, added a Director of Fine Arts to its staff.

The workshop was established for the purpose of teacher-improvement in the field of art, so that they might go back into their classrooms and re-vitalize their work, thereby making their courses more interesting to their pupils.

The ideas presented dealt with the basic principles of art education in relation to general education. No "bag of tricks" was presented to the teachers. An effort was made through lecture, discussion, demonstration and participation to show the teachers that art is a means of expression and is dependent upon increased powers of imagination, observation and organization.

The teachers returned to their classrooms and applied their learnings to literature, science, health, social studies, etc.

In January 1949, a follow-up program of two days was held, in which the teachers came together for the purpose of discussing their successes and failures, to learn new techniques with different art media, and to present the results of their past two months work.

The results were exceedingly gratifying. Inventive and creative drawings and paintings, the result of the child's problem-solving, took the place of the many color books and patterns that have a tendency to limit the inventive nature of the child. This creative and imaginative freedom

in art may account for the school yard being raked and planted with grass and shrubs or the interior of the school painted with stimulating, although restful colors, rather than the customary brown and buff.

A marked change in art teaching procedures has been recognized throughout the Union. To be sure, an art workshop cannot be expected to take the place of a good art supervisor who gives regular help to teachers, but it is a welcome and very worthwhile substitute.

School Enrollments

No report would be adequate unless some mention was made of the school enrollment trends in the next few years. This problem is not only a national and state problem but it is one that is going to definitely affect many local communities and budgets within the next few years.

This year we have approximately 18.6 million children in the elementary schools. In two years we may expect 20 million and in four years, 22 million. It is estimated that by 1957 we shall have 26.6 million children in the elementary schools, 8 million more than the 18.6 as of now.

High school attendance will perhaps diminish slightly in the next three years. This is probably due to the low birthrate in the early 30's. However, high school enrollment will gradually increase through the 50's so that by 1960, there will be 8.1 million high school children as compared with the present 6.3 million.

Local conditions vary somewhat from this, particularly if the high schools include grades 7 and 8.

Following is a study of the local enrollment based upon the census reports of September 1948:

Year	Grade											Tuition Payable				
	1	2	3	4	Rm Total	5	6	7	8	Rm Total	School Total	9	10	11	12	Total
1948-49	11	3	11	11	36	6	6	2	3	17	53	6	3	1	5	15
1949 50	7	11	3	11	32	11	6	6	2	25	55	3	6	3	1	13
1950-51	4	7	11	3	25	11	11	6	6	34	59	2	3	6	3	14
1951-52	6	4	7	11	28	3	11	11	6	31	59	6	2	3	6	17
1952-53	5	6	4	7	22	11	3	11	11	36	59	6	6	2	3	17
1953-54	11	5	6	4	26	7	11	3	11	32	58	11	6	6	2	25
1954-55	6	11	5	6	28	4	7	11	3	25	53	11	11	6	6	33
1955-56		6	11	5		6	4	7	11	28		3	11	11	6	31
1956 57			6	11		5	6	4	7	22		11	3	11	11	36
1957-58				6		11	5	6	4	26		7	11	3	11	32
1958-59						6	11	5	6	28		4	7	11	3	25
1959-60							6	11	5			6	4	7	11	28
1960 61								6	11			5	6	4	7	22
1961-62									6			11	5	6	4	26
1962-63												6	11	5	6	28

These enrollments pose problems for local communities. For some it will mean considering construction of additions, or new schools, or entering into a cooperative school program. For others it may mean utilizing present buildings within the community, as an emergency measure, to house the expanding school population.

Whatever measures are taken, it should be noted that a school is more than four walls and a roof. Today's education demands spacious rooms, well lighted and attractively decorated with ample playground area adjacent to or as near to the plant as possible. Classroom activities are no longer built around a fixed chair, desk, paper and pencil program. The activities are based upon the philosophy of learning by doing and living by acting.

As new or additional classrooms are being set up the problem of more elementary teachers presents itself. We see no relief in sight in so far as the supply of elementary teachers is concerned. It is estimated that the normal number of new teachers needed in the elementary field in New Hampshire is approximately 150. Next year, according to latest reports, the two New Hampshire Teachers Colleges, namely Keene and Plymouth, will be graduating a total of 25 elementary teachers. For years we have been able to press into service married women, who for one reason or another dropped out of teaching, and women who have retired and have again made themselves available

for teaching positions. It appears that this supply is fast becoming exhausted.

Our only hope is to recruit more young people into teaching. We must make teaching attractive enough in terms of salary, living conditions, and working conditions so that young people will be encouraged to enter this profession. Until this is done we may find ourselves "keeping school" rather than "teaching school."

Budget

The budget presented for 1949-50 calls for an assessment of $12,945.10, an increase of $1,506.50 above the amount requested last year. These increases are reflected in the following items: teacher salaries $675.00; tuition $446.00; minor repairs and expenses $160.00 and miscellaneous (scholars' supplies, janitor service, water, light and janitor supplies, fuel, etc.) $224.50.

The increase in teachers' salaries is felt to be a necessity to insure maintaining high standards and good administration in your school. The increase in tuition is one that is dependent upon the number of pupils who attend high school and the cost of instruction in these schools. Tuition assessments are also controlled by the state average per pupil cost of instruction for the previous year. The state average last year was $158.74. New Boston has long had a policy of assessing school districts the state average. Peterborough is charging $135.00 per pupil this year. The School Board's estimates are based on the probability that the state average will increase to approximately $160.00

The School Board's estimate for high school tuitions for the 1948-49 was $1,764.00. Their actual expenditures will be $2,103.66, a deficit of $339.66. A larger number of pupils are attending high school than was expected and more are going to New Boston than was expected. These are factors over which the School Board has no control.

The $160.00 requested for minor repairs and expenses is

for the purpose of repairing the school roof, purchasing two screens for each classroom and painting the boys' and girls' basements and the hallway at the entrance of the building. All are considered essential.

The request for $224.50 for miscellaneous items is explained in the first paragraph. However, it should be realized, that as your school becomes a community center it will cost more to operate and maintain it. Additional fuel, light, water and janitor services become necessary, thus more expense is involved. Approximately $165.00 of this increase is accounted for in the items just mentioned.

Special Articles

Under Article 9 the School Board is requesting an appropriation of $500.00 to develop, and if possible complete the playground area.

The present condition of the playground is not such that it can be used. A great deal of work remains to be done. The request does not seem unreasonable if adequate play area is to be provided for the children.

Article 10 requests a deficiency appropriation of $350.00 to defray expenses incurred over and above the estimated budget of 1947-48. The reasons for this deficiency are as follows:

Insurance was increased at the request of the school district at the last March meeting, fuel costs increased due to the very long cold winter and also due to the fact that the school building had been used more than in the past; for the same reasons there was an increase in electric power and janitor supplies; new adoptions in textbooks and additional scholars' supplies were felt necessary; lastly the School Board received less State Aid than was anticipated.

Remarks

I wish to commend the townspeople of Francestown and particularly the Francestown Parent-Teacher Association for the very excellent support and the interest that they have shown in encouraging progress and improvements in their school.

I wish also to commend Mr. Thomas and Miss Tuttle for their efforts in maintaining high standards of instruction and excellent pupil morale.

The cooperation that has been given to the teachers by the Francestown School Board, the P. T. A. and interested citizens has done much toward making your school a better school and a well coordinated community.

Respectfully submitted,

NEWELL J. PAIRE,
Superintendent of Schools.

STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1948

Enrollment

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	6	12	11	10					39
Grammar					4	4	5	6	19
									58

Elsewhere:

Attending High School in Peterborough	2
Attending High School in New Boston	7

Attendance

School	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Tardinesses Total	Tardinesses Per Pupil
Primary	34.84	31.74	91.10	30	.76
Grammar	17.88	16.48	92.00	37	2.

Visits:

By School Board Members	3
By Superintendent	59
By Citizens	44

Roll of Perfect Attendance

One Year: Andrew Clark

Statistics for First Eighteen Weeks 1948-1949

Census: (Ages 5-16) Boys 41; Girls 24; Total 65

Attending Francestown Schools	51
Attending New Boston High School	3
Attending Private School	1

Enrollment by Grades

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	11	3	11	9					34
Grammar					6	6	2	3	17
									51

Attendance

School	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Tardinesses
Primary	34.65	31.53	90.9	4
Grammar	16.26	14.95	91.9	14

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools, Board of Education and Citizens of the Town of Francestown:

The following is a report of the Health work in the Francestown School from January 1, 1948 to January 1, 1949.

Number of visits to school	24
Number of visits to homes	24
Interviews	96

General Inspection of students has taken place twice a month.

Students have been weighed and measured three times during the year. Average number, 54. Number of students 10% underweight September 1948, 13. Number of students 20% overweight in September 1948, 4.

Number of students having the Massachusetts Vision Test, 50.

Questionable vision	6
Eyes examined and glasses fitted or refitted	3
Eyes examined and glasses not necessary	2

Number of students having the Maico Audio Hearing Test, 53.

Questionable hearing	1

Dental care:

Number of students having	28

Tuberculin Skin Test (Patch):

Number of students	39

Tuberculin Skin Test (Patch):

Number of reactors	0

Communicable diseases:

Number of students having during the year 44

(Exclusions in compliance with the regulations of the State Board of Health.) All reportable defects have been referred to parents.

Service of milk:

Average number of students taking 42

(Through the efforts of the Principal, Mr. Alfred Thomas.)

The medicine cabinet has been equipped for minor accidents and injuries.

The School Nurse assisted:

1. Dr. Frederika Moore with the physical examinations of school children. 46 students examined. New entrants to school examined, 8. (Examinations sponsored by the local Red Cross in cooperation with the Board of Education.)

2. Mrs. Mildred Arken, R. N., with the tuberculin skin test. (Sponsored by the Tuberculosis Association and Board of Health in cooperation with the Board of Education.)

3. Mrs. Clare Hamilton, R. N., with the Public Health Clinic. (Sponsored by the Board of Health in cooperation with the Board of Education.)

4. Dr. Harvey Grimes with the Dental Clinic at the school. Number of students attending, 13.

The following meetings were attended by the school nurse:

1. Public Health Nurses' Meeting, Keene, N. H.
2. Teachers Institute, Keene, N. H.
3. Teachers' Convention, Keene, N. H.
4. Health and Physical Education Workshop, Peterborough, N. H.

Records made out by the school nurse:

1. Disease census for new entrants
2. Health card for each student
3. Physical growth chart for each classroom

At this time the school nurse wishes to thank the Public Health Nurse and Board of Health, the Sight Conservation Consultant and Board of Public Welfare, the County Tuberculosis Nurse and Tuberculosis Association, the local American Red Cross and all persons who assisted with the school Health Program and to express her appreciation to the teachers, Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

OLA H. MYHAVER, R. N.,
School Nurse.

January 1, 1949.

REPORT OF STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The State Department of Health held a well baby and pre-school clinic in the school bulding on July 8, 1948 which was sponsored by a local committee of the following: Mrs. Doris Basset, Chairman; Mr. J. Curren; Mrs. L. Murphy.

Examining physician: Dr. William Collins, Wilton, N. H.

Nurses: Mrs. Ola Myhaver, R. N., School Nurse. Mrs. Clare A. Hamilton, R. N., Field Nurse, State Department of Health.

Total Physical Examinations, 20
- Infants 1
- Pre-school 19

Total Vaccination 7
- Pre-school 7

Total Immunized against Diphtheria, 4
- Infants 1
- Pre-school 3

Respectfully submitted,

CLARE A. HAMILTON, R. N.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Physical examinations were given under date of April, 1948.

Number of children examined:

School	46
Pre-school	8

Number with major defects:

School	36
Pre-school	3

Number of defects:

School	59
Pre-school	7

Number of minor defects:

School	21
Pre-school	3

Major Defects:	School Children	Pre-school
Nutrition	10	1
Nose	6	0
Throat	11	2
Teeth	26	2
Heart	1	0
Posture	1	0
Feet	1	2
Miscellaneous	3	0

Births Registered in the Town of Francestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1948

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
1948									
Mar. 17	Donald Clark Abbott	M	4	Frank Russell Abbott	Nellie L. Nutting	Francestown	Office worker	Peterborough	Francestown
May 4	John Herman Miller	M	1	Herman C. Miller	Dorothy E. Leland	Francestown	Garage mech.	Francestown	Manchester
June 30	Sharon Cilley	F	5	Raymond L. Cilley	Barbara J. Leland	Francestown	Garage mech.	Francestown	New Boston
Aug. 16	Robert W. Westaway, Jr.	M	1	Robert W. Westaway	Cynthia T. Traxler	Francestown	Auto mechanic	Canada	Bennington
Oct. 4	..... Higgins	M	1	.....	Marion Higgins	Francestown	.....	.....	Milford
Nov. 9	Earl R. Chamberlain, Jr.	M	.	Earl R. Chamberlain	Evelyn I. Wright	Francestown	Mechanic	Antrim	Peterborough

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HERMAN C. MILLER, *Town Clerk.*

Marriages Registered in the Town of Francestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1948

Place and Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of of each at time of Marriage	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Name and Residence of Person by Whom Married
1948 Apr. 22 Francestown	Richard McKnight	Francestown	50	Fire fighter	New York, N. Y.	Richard McKnight Minnie O.Hanlon	New York, N. Y. New York, N. Y.	Vernon Lee Phillips Clergyman Francestown
	Katharine Neville	Francestown	45	Office manager	New York, N. Y.	Joseph Neville Margaret Deery	New York, N. Y. New York, N. Y.	
July 3 Deering	Donald Stevens	Francestown	21	Herdsman	Piermont	William Stevens Mystie Roby	E. Corinth, Vt. Piermont	Charles E. Reidt Pastor, Comm. Ch. Deering
	Barbara Ann Weaver	Deering	16	Student	Ashland, Mass.	William Weaver Vera Mae Moffat	England Kingston, N. B.	
Aug. 22 Bennington	John Henry Cole	Francestown	34	Farmer	Francetown	William Cole Nettie Clark	Hill Grantham	Edward W. W. Lewis Min. of the Gospel Henniker
	Ruth May Wilson	Bennington	28	Clerk of AMGCC	Bennington	Walter Wilson Mary Knowles	Francestown Bennington	
Sept. 11 Francestown	Hallett Lang	Belmont, Mass.	27	Business man	Shanghai, China	Robert Lang Estelle Littlefield	Szenta, Hungary Milton, Mass.	Norman H. Goehring Clergyman Milton, Mass.
	Rosemary Kunhardt	Cambridge, Mass	23	.....	Methuen, Mass.	George Kunhardt, Jr. Joan Runton	Lawrence, Mass. Hull, England	
Sept. 19 Francestown	Clifton Foote	Francestown	21	Farmer	Francestown	Ernest Foote Clarissa Law	Deering E. Sullivan	Vernon Lee Phillips Clergyman Francestown
	Elizabeth Champagne	Francestown	17	.....	Francestown	Charles Champagne Myra Cole	Swanton, Vt. Andover	
Sept. 22 Manchester	Leslie Vadney	Francestown	18	Lumbering	Francestown	Israel Vadney Etta Creighton	Claremont Mason	John P. Carlton Justice of the Peace Bedford
	Joan Klardie	New Boston	16	Student	Goffstown	George Klardie Helen Lovell	Holland New Boston	
Oct. 12 Grasmere	Edward Johnson	Francestown	34	Laborer	Chesterfield	Arthur Johnson Mabel Harris	Putney, Vt. Chesterfield	Vernon Lee Phillips Clergyman Francestown
	Marion Higgins	Francestown	17	.....	Milford	Otis Higgins Alice Bailey	Concord, Vt. Milford	
Nov. 14 Hancock	Merle Jones, Jr.	Hancock	23	Mill worker	Milford	Merle Jones Maude Wheeler	Milford Amherst	Rev. Archibald Kerr Min. of the Gospel Hancock
	Elizabeth Cilley	Francestown	19	At home	Grasmere	Carl Cilley Mary Bailey	Dublin Francestown	

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Deaths Registered in the Town of Francestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1948

Date of Death		Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex	S, M, or W	Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months	Days					Father	Mother		
1948													
Mar.	30	Charles Wm. French	74	4	29	Milford	M	W	Farmer	Peterborough	Nashua	Charles W. French	Mary C. Newton
Apr.	3	David Whitaker	87	4	2	White Riv. Jct., Vt.	M	W	Machinist	Sharon, Mass.	Bethel, Vt.	Marshall Whitaker	Mary Ferguson
Apr.	28	Frederic C. Starrett	83	11	23	Francestown	M	S	.....	Francestown	Francestown	James H. Starrett	Theresa A. Morgan
June	19	James Flanders	87	10	29	Gilmanton	M	W	Farmer	Gilmanton	W. Tilton	Stephen Flanders	Lydia Dicey
July	4	Edgar Osborne	89	3	29	.....	M	W	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
July	28	Laura May Proctor	61	3	23	Amherst	F	M	Housewife	Amherst	Wilton	Charles R. Stimson	Henrietta Abbott
Aug.	25	Florence D. Fournier	67	7	11	Lowell, Mass.	F	M	At home	Canada	Canada	..... Burchmien	..... Burquette
Oct.	4	..... Higgins	..	..	..	Goffstown	M	S	.....	Milford	.....	.....	Marion Higgins
Dec.	7	Henry W. Robinson	87	11	4	Charlestown, Mass.	M	S	Retired	Unknown	Sanbornville	Nath'l W. Robinson	Unknown

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